
Literally Speaking

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Congratulations!

We offer sincere congratulations to both Mikaba Sato and Ji Young Kang who received Honorable Mentions for their entries in the 2008 Writer-to-Writer contest. California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) sponsors an annual contest for adult learners in which they write letters to authors of their favorite books. Well done, Mikaba and Ji Young!

Tutors and Learners: It's not too early to begin thinking about submitting an entry for the 2009 contest. When details are released, Literacy Services will pass them on.

Mark Your Calendar for March 7, 2009 and plan to attend the Southern California Library Literacy Network Tutor/Learner Conference, featuring more than 25 workshops and Keynote Speaker Stephen J. Cannell who "overcame severe dyslexia to become one of television's most prolific writers."



News For You



Have you discovered www.newsforyouonline.com?

Every week, a couple of the articles from the printed publication are featured on the site.

With the push of a button, you can hear the article read aloud in its entirety. Click on any sentence in the article to hear just the sentence read aloud. With the limited number of printed copies we receive, this is a great resource to add to your arsenal.

Literacy Services Celebrates with Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 6th, was a day of celebration for many tutors, learners, and volunteers along with their friends and families. It was a full morning that began



Holiday Potluck Participants

with a "Getting to Know You" mixer and an efficiently conducted annual meeting where by-laws were amended and five new board members were voted in. (Welcome to Kristi Chezum

Dougherty, Nancy

Englebrecht, Tara Netherton, Amy Tan, and Nancy Thompson.) Cherall Weiss, Literacy Coordinator for the program, spoke inspirationally about the many accomplishments of our learners, such as voting for the first time, improving their current employment, and reading aloud to their children or grandchildren. All this would not be possible without the generosity of all the tutors and volunteers who give so freely of their energy and time, more than 7000 hours in the 2007/8 fiscal year. Jim Tracy, an Advisory Board member for 6 years, was named 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Among other things, Jim has used his time and talents to ensure regulatory compliance for the program as well as fiscal responsibility. He and the other outgoing board members will be missed. As usual, the food at the potluck was tremendous - many thanks to all who contributed.



2008 Volunteer of the Year
Jim Tracy

Coming Soon to the bookshelf in the Literacy Office!

Cool Stuff They Should Teach in School by Kent and Kyle Healy

It's full of practical tips and logical advice for being well-equipped to live in the real world.

(Thanks to Marie Marinelli for donating this resource.)

A Warm Welcome to our New Tutors

On Wednesday evenings throughout the month of September, prospective tutors worked diligently with faithful trainers to prepare for being matched up with learners. The class yielded the following graduates:

Brett Ahern, Ina Barmazel, Candice Boyd, Lynn Chase, Sarah Drechsler, Marcia Drew, Allison Fedrick, Cindi Finley, Harriet Jungles, Toby Larson, Marie Marinelli, Tara Netherton, Lynn Pearlman, Alicia Robinson, Howard Shepherd, Mike Somogyi, Florence Taslitz, Jerome Taslitz, and Carolyn Thompson.



September tutor graduates



December tutor graduates

On December 9th, another tutor class finished their training, and graduated the following tutors: Hillary Abrams, Lyle Carlson, Jacqui Larkin, Bruce McKeag, Barbara Nyholm, Karen Ollila, Carmela Ryan, Rae Scott, and Allan Segal.

It's wonderful to have so many people willing to give of themselves and their time to enhance the lives of others through literacy.

Thank you to our anonymous donor for the wonderful children's books.

Families for Literacy

On the second Tuesday of each month, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., learners with at least one child under 5 years meet in the Children's Room at the Central Library to hear stories, do crafts, eat snacks, and receive a book to add to their family library.

Some of the recent themes have been "Ladybugs", "Halloween", and "I Spy".

The next program will take place on January 13th. All learners with at least one child under 5 are invited to participate. Please call the office at (949)717-3874 to add your name to the list.



President's Message:

REASON TO CELEBRATE

The most festive time of year is the season when nights are longest and days are shortest. Many holiday celebrations hark back to ancient customs of lighting the night sky to gain the favor of the gods who controlled the sun. End-of-year bonfires, lighted candles in street-facing windows, and late-night firework displays echo these ancient practices. Even the ubiquitous displays of holiday lights that spring up on many houses and stores around Thanksgiving go back to these practices.

Of course, fireworks and bonfires celebrate other festive occasions, most notably July 4th in the US and Guy Fawks Day in England. Lighting a candle to dispel the darkness is also a metaphor for learning and knowledge. Many universities have the word "light" in their mottos; for example, the University of California motto is "let there be light" and the motto for my college, Tufts University, is "peace and light."

Our literacy program is also celebrating a landmark as the year draws to a close; we now have more than 100 active learners in the program, supported by a similar number of volunteers -- tutors, trainers, and board members. This growth is a testament to everyone's commitment to literacy. As you celebrate the holidays this year, take a moment to reflect on the great work we are doing together.

Carolyn

Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the support of individuals, companies, and foundations who have given generously to Literacy Services. We appreciate the generosity of Pacific Life as a continuing supporter, and thank The Allergan Foundation for their recent first-time grant.

If you or someone you know would like to contribute, donations (payable to Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy) may be sent to the following address:

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Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!



Check Them Out!

Literacy Services has recently added some biographical and historical graphic novels to the growing collection. Since graphic novels use comic book style pictures with text, they are easily read and understood by early readers.

Also, please check the monthly calendars for class titles and times, and join in on the learning or encourage your learner to attend.

GOALS

The key to the success of our literacy program is providing learner-centered instruction that helps our learners meet their personal goals.

To our learners: As you meet the goals that you have set, celebrate, but don't forget to set new goals with your tutor.

Tutors: As your learner sets measurable, reachable goals, record them on your Roles & Goals sheet - both the date set and the date accomplished. Roles & Goals forms may be found on our website or in our office. The next reporting due date for Roles & Goals will be in January. To help you meet the deadline, an explanatory letter and necessary forms will be mailed to you by the end of December.

LITERALLY SPEAKING

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LEARNER'S CORNER

Suddenly the feeling came
 Beautiful and surprised me
 I never expected it before
 So innocent I was
 And so gentle are you

You are so far to reach
 But so close to kiss
 To give is the language
 Understanding, is the passion
 Of our love

The secret we kept
 In the crowd of our love, so complicated
 Then we were sad and laughing together
 Both of us were so excited

Impossible
 But true!
 Our love is
 Stronger than all that

I will always be your friend
 Any where you go
 I will be there!
 Is the promise of our love

I love you

By Mia Sitorus

Learners: We are interested in seeing your stories, poems, recipes (along with a short story about why the recipe is special to you), or other writings that we can include in an upcoming learner publication or a future issue of "Literally Speaking", with your permission, of course.

Congratulations to the Learners who met their goals:

Dealt with government bureaucracy while resolving identity theft issues!

Read aloud in public

Completed requirements and received a certificate from Orange Coast College

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

December 1, 8, 15	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Book Club
December 2, 9	Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.	Tutor Training
December 2, 9, 16, 30	Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
December 4, 11,	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
December 6	Saturday, 10:00 a.m.	Holiday Potluck
December 17	Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Pronunciation Group
December 25, 26	Library Closed	Christmas
January 1, 2	Library Closed	New Year's Day
January 5, 12, 26	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
January 6, 13, 20, 27	Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Pronunciation Group
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
January 13	Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.	Families for Literacy
January 13	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
January 19	Library Closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Tutor Connection
January 24	Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Advisory Board Retreat
January 28	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	New Learner Orientation
February 2, 9, 23	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Book Club
February 3, 10, 17, 24	Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.	Adult Learner Discussion Group
February 4	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	New Tutor Orientation
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.	Adult Learner Pronunciation Class
February 5	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	Learner Network
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Adult Learner Conversation Group
February 10	Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.	Families for Literacy
February 16	Library Closed	President's Day
February 18, 25	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Tutor Training

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted. For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@city.newport-beach.ca.us